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BIG BUSINESS

For
Busy
People

1921-1922

The Board of Foreign Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York

A BIG FIELD

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Africa, China, Chosen
India, Japan,
Mexico, Persia,
Philippines,
Siam, Brazil,
Chile, Colombia,
Guatemala,
Venezuela,
Syria,
Orientals in U. S. A.

In 172 stations where
missionaries reside.

In 2909 places where
regular services are
held.



UNDER 24 FLAGS

AMONG 67 NATIONALITIES*

94 LANGUAGES SPOKEN*

Presbyterian Responsibility 100,000,000 Souls

A DIPLOMAT'S TRIBUTE TO PRESBY- TERIAN MISSIONARIES:

"I have always felt that the American missionaries were not 'ordinary mortals'! They are here admittedly neither for pleasure nor profit, but for service. They

usually know a great deal more about the country and the people with whom they are working than we diplomats, and they certainly have more friends among them! They are doing a great work in the four corners of the earth, of which every right-

minded American ought to be very proud, and for which we diplomats admire them immensely. They must have counted the cost long before they started, and if the thought of dangers and of obstacles had been uppermost in their minds they would not have come."

*Hundreds of dialects, many tribes and castes not included.

BIG FORCES AT WORK

AT HOME

1 General Assembly

46 Synods 9,842 Churches
302 Presbyteries 1,722,361 Members

1 Board of Foreign Missions

24 Members

13 ordained men 1 manufacturer
1 lawyer 1 real estate man
3 bankers 1 merchant
2 business men 1 exporter
1 physician

5 Secretaries and 1 Associate Secretary

4 District Secretaries and 1 Associate Secretary

1 Field Secretary

1 Educational Adviser (Honorary)

1 Educational Secretary and 1 Assistant Secretary

1 Secretary for Specific Work

4 Medical Advisers (Honorary)

1 Treasurer and 1 Associate Treasurer

4 Returned Missionaries rendering temporary service in the office.

19 Departments at headquarters

4 Offices of District Secretaries

5 Special Committees for the home side of the work

6 Field Committees for the foreign work

1 Finance Committee (included in above) composed of one lawyer, two bankers, one manufacturer, and one real estate man.

ABROAD

1,531 Missionaries (April 1, 1921, figures)

416 Ordained
89 Lay
89 Men physicians
20 Women physicians
379 Single Women
538 Wives

7,356 Native Associates

423 Ordained
2,150 Unordained
3,866 Teachers
917 Bible Women and other workers

At Work In

1,088 Churches
3,573 Groups
4,277 Sunday Schools
2,322 Schools of all grades
167 Hospitals and Dispensaries

Among

88,464 Pupils
371,100 Patients

Through

8 Presses which printed
133,363,932 pages in one year

The financial business is carried on from 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, through some 30 banks and branches in the U. S. A., and at least 10 banks in other countries. Exchange must be daily noted for some 15 different currencies.

The pupils of the great Shantung Christian University (union institution) come from 70 different preparatory schools scattered over 14 provinces of China. During the Summer Daily Vacation Bible Schools, 103 men from this University volunteered for the work and gave two months entirely free service. The Bible was daily taught in the schools. Of the volunteers, more than 61 were from the medical department of the University.* Mr. Wun, a well known Christian leader in the College, acted as Superintendent of the District.

In connection with the Medical School of the Miraj Hospital in India (a self-supporting institution which last year treated over 50,000 patients) is a department of Bible instruction for the students, the teaching given by an ordained missionary. All but four of the 48 students of the medical school are Christians preparing for medical missionary work.

Pyongyang Station, Chosen, has had a BIG year. Most of the churches have reported an increase in attendance of from 20 to 100% and in some other sections of the country there was a similar or even greater increase. A large number of churches doubled and quite a few even trebled their attendance during the last year. The whole country seems to be open to the gospel message as never before.

If the money were available to support evangelists, it is believed that a church could be established within a year in practically every village in the country.

* Enrolled 1920, 94 pupils.

1. The preaching places in Tokyo are usually humble and lowly. A new one, the most remarkable of all, was opened in July in a large room of a woolen merchant's shop. Six ministers officiated. One presided, one read the Scripture, one prayed, the missionary preached, a Japanese pastor administered the Lord's Supper, and the sixth, the pastor of a nearby church, baptized **twenty-one business men of the immediate locality**. It was a **BIG BUSINESS** to carry the church to these men in their own environment, in the very shop where the next day they would buy and sell.

2. One of the **BIGgest** things of the Board's **BUSINESS** at the present time is the rehabilitation of the American Press at Beirut, Syria, which is to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1922.

This Press pours Christian literature, including books on education, over the Mohammedan world from Egypt to Mesopotamia, including Syria. The war almost destroyed the plant and equipment. It needs \$250,000 to reestablish it. During the war it was the clearing house for more than \$20,000,000 relief funds. If the Press is not rehabilitated, the American Bible Society and the missions in the Near East will not be able to secure Bibles and Christian literature for the extension of their work.

3. The first group of eight missionaries, sent out three years before the Board was organized, took with them a small hand-press. The Manager of the Beirut Press, returning in August, took with him for the rehabilitation of the Press:

Materials for a new two-story Press Building, steel construction, size 60 x 124, and for a one-story office building, steel construction, 40 x 60, amounting in weight

to 145,000 lbs. at a cost of \$35,000. Also, one concrete-making machine; electric equipment; two fuel engines; steel office equipment; linotype machine, (English and Arabic); printing press and equipment. Total weight, 199,832 lbs. Cost \$60,153. **BIG BUSINESS!**

4. A recently organized American corporation, backed by the approval of our Department of Commerce, is about to undertake a large trading business directly with Persia. For this purpose they expect to charter a ship to sail this Fall to Busrah, carrying a large assortment of clothing, hardware, typewriters, sewing machines, soaps and perfumeries, screens, harness and saddles, shoes, drugs and various other articles of special demand in Persia. The agent or representative who is one of the most important, if not the most important missionary link in this enterprise, is a young Syrian, a Colgate University graduate, who received his preliminary education in a Presbyterian mission school connected with the Urumia station. His family belongs to the church community in the martyred village of Geogtapa, the village which was saved at one time during the war by the heroic efforts of Dr. Packard of Urumia.

Persia needs **BIG BUSINESS** with America. American prestige in Persia is **BIG**.

5. **BIG BUSINESS** in America is keenly interested today in Mexico. A delegation of American business men has recently returned from that country; another delegation has just reached Mexico City. American capital and enterprise are responsive as never before to the opportunities there for investment and development.

Even more obvious are the **BIG BUSINESS** opportunities in Mexico that are now

open to the Presbyterian Church. Our Church has been allotted and has accepted certain territory in Mexico for which it alone is responsible, and which embraces eight states. In all this region there are only thirty-four missionaries; one missionary, man or woman, for every one hundred thousand Mexicans. In certain whole states the Board owns no property and must rent buildings at exorbitant prices for its schools and missionary residences. In Vera Cruz, the great seaport of Mexico, in the center of the Presbyterian territory, the question has actually been raised of withdrawing from established work there because of this lack of property. The need is as deep and critical as the opportunity is great and wide.

6. Whatever the present ramifications of China's difficulties, her problems can be driven back ultimately to a need for education and character, and no more direct and promising solution has been offered for this central problem than that supplied by the Christian Colleges and Universities in China. The Presbyterian share in these institutions is a large and inspiring one. There are four colleges and universities, all of them union institutions. The Hangchow Christian College, the University of Nanking, whose College of Agriculture has been formally registered by the Chinese Government, the first time in Chinese history that a Christian Institution has been thus recognized; the Shantung Christian University, with the largest medical school and staff under directly mission auspices in China; and the Peking University, which in September broke ground for its new buildings on its new site outside the Peking City walls. From these institutions are going forth men who can lead in making a new China.—No **BIGger BUSINESS!**

BIG FIGURES

MISSIONARIES IN SERVICE OF BOARD

1837-1921—**3403**

Total missionaries, 1837— **38**
1921—**1606**

Force has increased in last 20 years from 715 to 1606 (includes sailings, summer, 1921).

Net gain 1919, 1920, 1921— **242.**

*YEARS OF SERVICE RENDERED

37,682

TERMS OF SERVICE

Individually, the years of missionary service range from ONE to SEVENTY-EIGHT.

One Secretary of the Board was in service SIXTY YEARS.

A present BOARD MEMBER has been in service THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS.

"The BIG thing is to get confidently to work on the task, the results of which nobody can possibly foresee. It is in this spirit that very many of the biggest things in history have been done."

Ambassador Page to Col. House, April, 1914.

* Figures given are not complete for the earlier years when the records were not as accurately kept.

BIG FIGURES

RECEIPTS OF THE BOARD

1837-1921

In round numbers \$71,000,000.

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| For Ten years the Annual re- | |
| ceipts were under..... | \$ 100,000 |
| Eleven years under..... | 200,000 |
| Eleven years under..... | 300,000 |
| Two years under..... | 400,000 |
| Six years under..... | 500,000 |
| Four years under..... | 600,000 |
| Three years under..... | 700,000 |
| Five years under..... | 900,000 |
| Seven years under..... | 1,000,000 |
| Fifteen years under..... | 2,000,000 |
| Eight years under..... | 3,000,000 |
| One year under..... | 4,000,000 |
| One year under..... | 5,000,000 |

BUDGET OF THE YEAR

1921-1922

Not Less Than.....\$3,960,000.00

Received for first six months of
the year\$1,115,325.74

**The BUSINESS IS BIG.
WHAT IS YOUR SHARE IN IT?**